

Minutes

Blackstone Valley Prep Mayoral Academy

Board Meeting

Monday May 19, 2014 @ 4:30 PM at 560 Mineral Spring Ave Pawtucket RI

Board Members Present

D. McKee, J. Casimiro, J. Diosa, J. Waters, M. Magee

Board Members Absent

J. Almond, J. Morton

Guests Present

Bill Dennen, D. Lauck, Dan Waugh, Drew Madden, J. Chiappetta, Jennifer Lopicollo, Jonathan Santos Silva, Kate Crowe, Michael DeMatteo, S. Cuello

I. Opening Items

Call the Meeting to Order

D. McKee called a meeting of the board of trustees of Blackstone Valley Prep Mayoral Academy to order on Monday May 19, 2014 @ 4:49 PM at 560 Mineral Spring Ave Pawtucket RI.

Approve Minutes

J. Waters arrived late. 4:50pm.

J. Casimiro made a motion to approve minutes from the Board Meeting on 03-24-14.

J. Diosa seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. Aye: Magee, Diosa, McKee, Waters, and Casimiro. Nay:None.

II. Board Comments & Discussion

Board Chair Remarks

No Board Comments.

Board Remarks

J. Waters and J. Chiappetta wanted to propose that they stick to the board meeting dates. J. Waters wants to schedule a date before the year starts for a retreat for all board members. The date that came up was October 2014. The board agreed to setting up a retreat date in November in place of the board meeting.

Board Calendar

III. Consent Agenda

Executive Director Report

J. Chiappetta reported that both April and May reports were included he also wanted to highlight around talent that he is very excited about the future. He has three people who will be participating in the principal residency program next year and they also have three additional staff members who will be participating in another leadership program with building excellent schools. J. Chiappetta also stated that BVP was awarded the NEXTGEN learning challenge launch grant which is the grant plus 300k in available matching.

Finance Director Report

D. Lauck stated there are no major shifts or surprises in the April reports. He also stated that we are track to finish the year as expected expenses will finish the year in line. We have received all of our funding from the state of RI.

J. Diosa made a motion to Approve the consent agenda.

M. Magee seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. Aye: Magee, Diossa, Mckee, Waters, and Casimiro.
Nay:None.

IV. School Update

F2015 Budget

D. Lauck went through the main points of the budget and stated he would answer any specific questions there might be. He explained how the budget reflects the mission is what is most important is that we are providing the best to every scholar in everything we do. D. Lauck went through a powerpoint presentation which gave an overview at a high level of the budget for next year. They will vote on the budget in June.

Technology Policy

M. Magee made a motion to approve technology policy.

J. Diossa seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. Aye: Magee, Diossa, Mckee, Waters, and Casimiro.
Nay:None.

High School Design

J. Chiappetta stated that there will be an article in the valley breeze next week. J. Santos Silva stated how the hiring process is running smoothly they are almost fully staffed. There was also a high school retreat for staff that was held and it had a very positive outcome. The board would like to have an upcoming meeting at the high school location maybe in August.

Calendar 14-15SY

School calendar will follow same February and April break as our districts.

School Naming

J. Lopiccolo gave the options that the scholars and parents came up with names for their individual schools. Individual campus names for example STAR, FOUNDERS and LEADERS campus. The board decided to hold off and go very slow on this decision and make sure that one school is not singled out. They can see the value in the schools having their own identity but there needs to be more discussion on this subject before any decisions are made.

Appointment of Head of School for High School

J. Chiappetta presented Jonathan Santos Silva to the board for their vote and approval as the Head of School of BVP High School.

J. Diossa made a motion to approve J. Santos Silva as the new Head of School for the High School.

J. Casimiro seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. Aye: Magee, Diossa, Mckee, Waters, and Casimiro.
Nay:None.

V. Fundraising

Fund Development Update

Refer to ED Report and also join us for the 5K that will be held on the June 21st all are welcome.

VI. Public Comment

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Parent requested copy of the budget.

VII. Go Into Executive Session

Acquisition/lease of real estate–R.I.Gen.L.§42-46-5(a)(5)& R.I.Gen.LawsR.I.Gen.L.§ 42-46-5(a)(1)

D. Lauck and M. Dematteo will join for discussion.

J. Diossa made a motion to go into executive session to discuss Acquisition/lease of real estate–R.I.Gen.L.§42-46-5(a)(5)& R.I.Gen.LawsR.I.Gen.L.§ 42-46-5(a)(1).

J. Casimiro seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. Aye: Magee, Diossa, Mckee, Waters, and Casimiro.

Nay:None.

VIII. Executive Session

Acquisition or lease of real estate – R.I. Gen. L. § 42-46-5(a)(5)

Matters relating to personnel under R.I. Gen. Laws R.I. Gen. L. § 42-46-5(a)(1)

J. Diossa made a motion to exit executive session.

M. Magee seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. Aye: Magee, Diossa, Mckee, Waters, and Casimiro.

Nay:None.

Seal Minutes

J. Diossa made a motion to seal the minutes of executive session.

J. Waters seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. Aye: Magee, Diossa, Mckee, Waters, and Casimiro.

Nay:None.

IX. Closing Items

Adjourn Meeting

J. Casimiro made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

J. Waters seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. Aye: Magee, Diossa, Mckee, Waters, and Casimiro.

Nay:None.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 06:09 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

S. Cuello